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GEORGIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

EIGHTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

Savannah, Ga., April 12, 1922.

The eighty-third annual meeting of the Georgia Historical Society, adjourned over from February 12th, was held at Hodgson Hall at 10 o'clock, a. m., this day with Judge Andrew J. Cobb in the chair. Besides a number of citizens of the city of Savannah there were present members from Athens, Macon, Reidsville, Thomasville and Homerville.

The program for the morning session was as follows:
President's Address—

Judge Andrew J. Cobb, of Athens.

"Edward Langworthy and the First Attempt to Write a Separate History of Georgia; with Selections from the Long-Lost Langworthy Papers"—

Leonard L. Mackall, of Savannah.

"The Activities of the Missionaries Among the Cherokees"

Linton M. Collins, of Reidsville.

"The Georgia Historical Society and the Teacher"—

Prof. Percy Scott Flippin, of Macon.

"The Georgia Historical Quarterly"—

Prof. R. P. Brooks, of Athens.

The President's address was a distinctive feature of the session.

Mr. Leonard L. Mackall's paper was a thoughtful and scholarly effort. The paper in its completed form will appear in one of the early issues of the Quarterly.

Mr. Linton M. Collins' paper proved of unusual interest and was greatly enjoyed.

The subjects assigned to Dr. Brooks and Dr. Flippin were not treated in a formal way with prepared papers or addresses. They were presented as discussions along practical lines as to methods of creating an increased interest in the Society and the Quarterly and in historical research.

Dr. Flippin stated that there are only forty-two educators in Georgia, including heads of educational institutions, departmental heads and specialists, who are members of the Georgia Historical Society and that of this number only fifteen are teachers of history. Practically none are connected with high schools or preparatory schools. Probably not more than four or five take an active interest in the Quarterly. Dr. Brooks continued the subject, stating that in the publication of the Quarterly there are two important units requiring thought and attention, namely, the financial question and then the question of talent and material. Our state is, historically speaking, virgin territory. In Virginia, North Carolina and Texas the historical output exceeds ours many fold. Why is this so? Primarily because in those states the historical departments of the State universities and other colleges are far better manned. They have more professors, men better trained, the salaries are larger, the library facilities are infinitely more extensive and the professors have more leisure for historical work. The remarks of Drs. Flippin and Brooks brought forth comments from Messrs. Minis, Gordon, Mrs. Lawton, Mr. Lawton and Mr. Ashmore. Mr. Minis stressed the matter of non-payment of dues by members and expressed his opinion that because of lack of financial support it would be difficult to continue the magazine as a quarterly. Mr. Gordon spoke to the effect that the magazine could be made more attractive by encouraging contributors. He thought that financial remuneration should be offered to contributors. He thought that both Dr. Flippin and Dr. Brooks had narrowed the

home of historical talent when they restricted the writers to those connected with colleges and universities. He mentioned the names of members of the legal profession well qualified to produce articles on historical subjects. Dr. Flippin said that he had met with practically no encouragement from the lawyers. He said that he had made an earnest effort to secure articles of merit from certain lawyers but that the lack of responses had greatly discouraged him. Mr. Lawton briefly reviewed the steps leading up to the merger of the Georgia Historical Association with the Georgia Historical Society and said that a greater State-wide interest was needed in the Society and to create and continue this interest he hoped ways and means would be found to continue the publication of the Quarterly. He thought a good membership committee was needed to aid in this work. Mrs. Lawton thought that if the membership fees were made \$1 it might help the financial situation. Dr. Brooks was of the opinion that in addition to the efforts to increase the members of the \$3 class a special effort should be made to secure forty or fifty sustaining members paying dues of \$25 a year. It was pointed out that the Society has but one sustaining member at this time. It was recognized that fifty sustaining members whose dues would be devoted exclusively to the expenses of maintaining the Quarterly would solve the questions connected with the publication of the Quarterly. Mr. Ashmore thought that if it were found impracticable to secure such a number of sustaining members he would favor making the magazine an annual. It was finally resolved to refer the question to the Board of Curators with full power to act.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee submitted the Annual Report of the Treasurer, which was ordered filed. The Treasurer's report shows a balance of cash at April 1, 1922, of \$1,401.05, and ownership of Liberty Bonds of the par value of \$2,000. The Society also owns Hodgson Hall and the property on which it is located on the southwest cor-

ner of Gaston and Whitaker Streets, in Savannah. Insurance is carried on the building in the value of \$27,000, and on the contents for \$15,000. In this connection attention was called to a list prepared by the Treasurer showing approximately 264 names of members who are in arrears for more than two years. On motion duly seconded, the list was referred to the Board of Curators for action.

The Secretary submitted a statement showing members as at April 1, 1922, as follows:

Life members -----	5
Active members of various classes---	566
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Total	571
Members on suspended list because of being delinquent in the payment of -- dues -----	264
Corresponding members -----	5
Honorary members -----	5
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Total	845

The active members in good standing are classified as follows:

Sustaining	1 @ \$25	----	\$ 25.
Contributing	37 @ \$10	----	370.
Members	528 @ \$3	----	1,584. \$1,979.

The Librarian's report was read to the Society by Mr. William Harden, the Librarian.

Savannah, Ga., 12th April, 1922.

To the Board of Curators of the Georgia Historical Society.
Gentlemen:

Once more it is my duty and privilege to submit the Librarian's report.

One year ago it appeared that the Library contained 40,753 books and 26,000 pamphlets. In the twelve months just closed additions have been made to the collection of

bound volumes amounting to 365, making a total of 41, 116, and to the pamphlets 2,215, swelling that department to the number of 28,215.

It is gratifying to note that our members have used the Library more freely than in the past several years. While this is true, I would suggest something be done, if possible, to extend its usefulness by the purchase of some of the recently published books which are being called for, but which we have not been able to supply. Even a few hundred dollars could be well spent at this time in securing certain historical and genealogical works specially sought for.

Since our last meeting we have received as a gift from the surviving members of the Wadley family the fine marble bust of the late Mr. William Wadley, for years the President of the Central Railroad and Banking Company of Georgia, now known as the Central of Georgia Railway Company. It is the work of the noted sculptor Robert Cushing and is a perfect likeness.

The flag presented to the Savannah Home Guard, and used by that organization during the great World War, was given to us by its members, through its commanding officer, Col. Beirne Gordon, and it is now in our hall.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM HARDEN,
Librarian.

Announcement was made by the President of the appointment of Messrs. Alexander R. Lawton, Wm. W. Gordon, Dr. P. S. Flippin and Dr. R. P. Brooks as a committee to nominate five curators to succeed those whose terms expired with this meeting.

Mr. Folks Huxford, of Homerville, Ga., presented to the Society a copy of the first number of the South Georgia Genealogical and Historical Quarterly and also a copy of his pamphlet containing a history of Clinch County.

The following resolution, proposed by Dr. Brooks, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Society in annual session convened expresses to Mr. Otis Ashmore its sincere appreciation of his long and capable services as Corresponding Secretary, and also as Secretary-Treasurer, and its regret that he has been forced on account of his health to retire from the position.

Mr. Ashmore was present, and expressed his deep appreciation.

The following new members were unanimously elected: Miss Nina Pape, Savannah, Ga., Miss Annie C Johnson, Savannah, Ga., S. P. Driscoll Savannah, Ga., George M. Weitman, Savannah, Ga., Major James A. Fort, Jr., Americus, Ga., George M. Battey, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.

At this point the Nominating Committee reported their recommendations for five curators to serve until 1925 as follows:

Mrs. Alexander R. Lawton, Mrs. Gordon Saussy, Mr. Otis Ashmore, Mr. Henry R. Goetchius, Judge Andrew J. Cobb.

There were no other nominations and by unanimous vote of the meeting the rules were suspended and the Secretary was authorized to cast the ballot for the election as per the report of the Nominating Committee. This was done and the President declared the ticket recommended by the Nominating Committee duly elected Curators of the Society to serve until 1925, or until election and qualification of their successors.

Mr. Alexander R. Lawton offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, it has now been established that Dr. Crawford W. Long first used ether in performing a surgical operation on the 30th day of March, 1842, thereby producing a perfect state of anaesthesia and rendering the operation painless;

And, whereas, due credit should be given him for this priority in a discovery that has done so much for the relief of human suffering; and whereas his claim to

such priority has been recognized by the General Assembly of this state, by medical associations, writers in medical magazines, histories, and universities, especially by the University of Georgia and the University of Pennsylvania, he being an alumnus of each of these institutions.

Therefore be it resolved, by the Georgia Historical Society.

That Dr. Crawford W. Long has earned and deserves appropriate recognition by all who are interested in the preservation of accurate history and the fame of those who have added to the welfare of mankind.

That a copy of this resolution be transmitted by the secretary to the Governor of this state and the director of the Hall of Fame, of New York University.

The letters acknowledging the receipt of this resolution by the Governor of Georgia and the Director of the Hall of Fame, are published in this number of the Quarterly

Mr. J. Florance Minis presented the Society with a rare stone implement found by a farmer in the Nacoochee Valley. Mr. Minis stated that he had the implement examined by various scientific institutions but that none of them could identify it.. The Smithsonian Institute's representative expressed the belief that it belonged to the stone age. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Minis for his generous gift.

The meeting then adjourned for luncheon at the DeSoto Hotel, and at 3 p. m., through the courtesy of Mr. Wymberley DeRenne, a visit was made to the Wymberley Jones DeRenne Library at Wormslee. The visit was greatly enjoyed and there were expressions of appreciation from all because of the courtesy of Mr. DeRenne.

CHAS. F. GROVES,
Secretary.

Immediately following adjournment of the morning session of the eighty-third annual meeting of the Georgia Historical Society, this day the Curators convened.

Present: Judge Andrew J. Cobb, Mr. Otis Ashmore, Dr. R. P. Brooks, Dr. P. S. Flippin, Mrs. Alexander R. Lawton, Mr. J. Florance Minis, Mr. William W. Gordon.

Absent: Mr. Henry R. Goetchius, Judge Beverly D. Evans, Mr. Lawton Evans, Mr. Alexander C. King, Mr. T. M. Cunningham, Jr., Mr. A. C. Newell, Mr. Orville A. Park, Mrs. Gordon Saussy.

Judge Andrew J. Cobb was called to the chair and Charles F. Groves was named to act as Secretary of the meeting.

The meeting considered the suggestion made by C. Seymour Thompson, of the Savannah Public Library, for the loan of the Georgia Historical Society to the Public Library of certain books. There was some difference of opinion as to what disposition should be made of Mr. Thompson's suggestion, and upon motion of Mr. Gordon, duly seconded, it was resolved to ask Mr. Thompson to submit his plan in writing to the Board of Curators.

The Treasurer was authorized to transfer from the General Fund to the Publication Fund such sums of money as might be necessary to meet the expense of getting out the next three issues of the Quarterly.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the expenses of Dr. R. P. Brooks during the coming summer while traveling over the State for the purpose of endeavoring to secure about fifty or more sustaining members (dues \$25 a year). It was further resolved that the dues of sustaining members be credited to the Publication Fund.

Mrs. Lawton was named as chairman of a special committee on membership for the purpose of undertaking to secure new members through some of the well known patriotic organizations such as the Colonial Dames. She was given full power to name the members of her committee. She

stated that she preferred a small committee and named Mrs. Gordon Saussy as her assistant. .

The next business was the consideration of the "suspended list" containing the names of about 264 members who have not paid their dues for more than two years. The Secretary was given authority to employ a collector on a 15% commission basis for the purpose of approaching all those persons whose names appeared on the suspended list with a proposition that such members would be left in good standing as members in the Society upon the payment of the current year's dues. Failing in collections as indicated herein, the Secretary was instructed to drop the names from the rolls.

The next order of business was the election of officers. It having been made known that Judge Cobb did not care to stand for re-election, Dr. Brooks put in nomination the name of Judge Beverly D. Evans, of Savannah. The nomination was duly seconded and upon the motion being put, Judge Evans was unanimously elected President to serve during the ensuing year. The following officers were also unanimously elected for the ensuing year:

Senior Vice-President, J. Florance Minis, Savannah, Vice-President, Otis Ashmore, Savannah, Vice-President, Alex C. King, Atlanta, Vice-President, Lawton B. Evans, Augusta, Secretary-Treasurer, Charles F. Groves, Savannah, Librarian, William Harden, Savannah.

The office of Corresponding Secretary was left vacant for the present.

The Board of Editors elected follows:

Robert Preston Brooks, University of Georgia, Ellis Merton Coulter, University of Georgia, Cleo Hearon, Agnes Scott College, Percy Scott Flippin, Mercer University, Charles Seymour Thompson, Savannah Public Library, Leonard L. Mackall, Savannah.

Adjourned.

CHARLES F. GROVES,
Secretary.

STATE OF GEORGIA

Executive Department

Atlanta,

April 25, 1922.

Mr. Chas. F. Groves, Secretary,
Georgia Historical Society,
Savannah, Ga.

My dear sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of resolution adopted by the Georgia Historical Society at its eighty-third annual meeting held in Savannah, April 17, 1922.

I thank you for your kindness in this matter.

Yours very truly,

Thos. W. Hardwick,

Governor

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

HALL OF FAME

Robert Underwood Johnson, Director.

May 2, 1922.

Charles F. Groves, Esq.,
Secretary of the Georgia Historical Society,
Savannah, Ga.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your note of the 22nd of April, accompanying the resolution of your Society adopted on the 12th of April, concerning Dr. Crawford W. Long's relationship to the discovery of anaesthesia. This resolution will be placed in the archives of the Hall of Fame in conjunction with other data relating to Dr. Long's services.

Very sincerely yours,

R. U. Johnson,

Director.